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The first written record of the name Clement is found in the Bible in Paul's letter to the Phillipians 4:3.

Jeffry (Geoffrey) Clement was a Merchant in London with interest in the Virginia Trading Co. Jeffry Clement married Elizabeth Fuller, the daughter of Sir Cuthbert Fuller, in London in 1590. They had five children, one of the children died in London, and Jeffry Clement died in 1609. It is believed to protect her interests in the London Company, in the New World, Elizabeth Clement came to America. She landed at Jamestown, Virginia, June 10, 1611, with her four small children, Jeremiah, Nicholas, Ezekial, and Elizabeth and two servants, Dorothy Green and Jeffrey Hull.

Elizabeth Clement was a woman of gentle birth and breeding, the neice of Sir Nicholas Fuller and Lady Elizabeth Layghton. She married second Ralph Hamor and third Tobias Felga.

The Clement Family is listed as the sixth Family in the United States with present day descendents and the family came into fame after several generations with Samuel Clemmens (Mark Twain) whose Grandfather Samuel Clement married Pamela Goggins of Bedford County, Virginia in 1779. Family tradition tells us there was a disagreement over some lumber and he changed his name to Clemmens and the family later moved to Missouri where Mark Twain was born.

Jeremiah Clement, from whom we are descended came with his mother to Jamestown on the George in 1611. He married Edy _____ in James City County, Virginia in 1634. Jeremiah Clement assumed patent of the family land on August 26, 1633, 350 acres on Chippooks Creek which lies in what became Surry County in 1652. In the patent he named his wife Edy and his son John. His other children seem to be Ezekiel, Amy, and Anna.

John Clement lived in Southwalk Parish, Surry County. He was a Bacon sympathizer during Bacon's Rebellion. The names of his children seem to be; John, Bartholemew and Francis, who were all residing in Surry County at times. The line down this far has been pretty well accepted by the society of F.F.V. see Adventures of Purse and Person.

Francis Clement served as Burgess from Surry County, Virginia , 1692-93, as Clerk of the assembly 1699, and as Clerk of Courts of Surry County 1697-1708. He married 1st Elizabeth Merriweather and 2nd Lydia, Widow of George Blayton. Francis moved from Surry County to Isle of Wight where he made his will November 22, 1717. His children were Francis Jr, Thomas, Mary, Benjamin and Elizabeth.

Benjamin Clement the son of Francis Clement and Elizabeth Meriweather. He married Judith Parker the daughter of Richard Parker who made his will on April 3, 1744 in Surry County, Virginia. Whether they had other children besides William is unknown.

William Clement of King William County, Virginia received a grant of 1225 acres in Amelia County, Virginia on the south side of the Appomattox River bounded by the land of Thomas Franklin, Abram Echols, Joseph Echols, Jacob Beays and Paul Pigg.

William Clement married Ann Taylor and made his will in Amelia County, Virginia on February 18, 1760 in which he named his wife Ann and his children; Benjamin, William Jr, John, Francis, Elizabeth Ford Ellyson, Barshaba Major and Ann Pigg and was witnessed by Benjamin Parker who was no doubt his kinsman.